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MEMORANDUM FOR: Northeast Fisheries Observer Program Observers

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SUBJECT: Net Name/Net Type/Net Builder

Three new fields were recently added to the trawl gear logs: Net Name, Net Type and Net Builder. At the manual change training held in February and March of 2007 you were instructed to obtain the most accurate net name and net type that the Captain could provide to you. In order to be more consistent, we have created 3 separate lists to better direct you in filling out these fields. Please start using these lists immediately and try to stay within their parameters.

1) The Net Name field should be treated as a hierarchy. In other words, if the trawl used is a trouser trawl (*"trouser trawl"*) and fishes off the bottom (*"bottom trawl"*), the observer should record **trouser trawl** as it is more specific. These are the only options for Net Name, therefore "other" should never be used.

2) The Net Type field should also be treated as a hierarchy. The key bit of information we are trying to collect in this field is whether or not the trawl is 2-seam or 4-seam (those are at the end of the net type list). From there, the observer should try to obtain a more specific Net Type from the Captain. If the Net Type is not provided in the list, dash the field and record the new Net Type in comments.

3) The Net Builder list is self explanatory. Record the name of the company who made the net from the list provided. If the builder is not provided in the list, dash the field and record the new Net Builder name in comments.

If you have any questions regarding these new fields, please contact KB McArdle at 508-495-2377 or [Katherine.McArdle@noaa.gov](mailto:Katherine.McArdle@noaa.gov)

Attachment



NET NAME
Trouser Trawl
Beam Trawl
Twin Trawl
Bottom Trawl
Semi-Pelagic Trawl
Pelagic Trawl

NET TYPE
2-Seam Flynet
4-Seam Flynet
2-Seam Haddock Separator Trawl
4-Seam Haddock Separator Trawl
2-Seam Separator Trawl
4-Seam Separator Trawl
2-Seam Flatfish Trawl
4-Seam Flatfish Trawl
4-Seam Millionaire Trawl
2-Seam Raised Footrope Trawl
4-Seam Raised Footrope Trawl
4-Seam Box Trawl
2-Seam Shrimp Trawl
4-Seam Shrimp Trawl
2-Seam Scallop Trawl
4-Seam Scallop Trawl
2-Seam Monkfish Trawl
4-Seam Monkfish Trawl
2-Seam Sweepless Trawl
4-Seam Sweepless Trawl
2-Seam Pelagic Pair Trawl
4-Seam Pelagic Pair Trawl
2-Seam Shuman Trawl
4-Seam Shuman Trawl
2-Seam Groundfish Trawl
4-Seam Groundfish Trawl
2-Seam Trawl
4-Seam Trawl

NET BUILDER
Custom Built
Le Drezen
Levine Marine Supply
Noreastern Trawl Systems LTD
Smart Net Systems Ltd
Swan Net Gundry
Wanchese Trawl Supply
Wilcox Trawls
Superior Trawl
Trawlworks Inc
DanTrawl
Reidar's Manufacturing Inc
Christiansen's Nets
Jeff Flagg
Shuman